

ORPHAN ASYLUM FIRE.

Known That 27 Children Perished and Many Fatally Injured.

Two of the Women Attendants Are Among the Dead—The Property Loss Will Not Exceed the Sum of \$20,000.

Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 8.—Fire broke out in the hospital section of the Rochester orphan asylum at 1 o'clock Tuesday morning in Hubbell Park, and the flames spread rapidly to other sections of the institution. It is known that 19 of the children perished and it is feared that many more victims may be reported later.

The fire was first discovered by two men passing the asylum. They instantly sent in an alarm and then turned their attention toward arousing the nurses and the children.

A terrific explosion was then heard and in a moment the entire hospital section was in flames. On the arrival of the fire apparatus a general alarm was sent in, calling out the entire department. The smoke began to pour out of every window in the main building and the screams and frantic cries of the children could be heard. The work of rescue began with a will. Children and nurses were carried from the building, all in an unconscious condition, some dead. Ambulances from the city, St. Mary's and Hahnemann hospitals were summoned and the victims were removed to the several institutions.

There were 109 children at the hospital and a corps of about 30 nurses and attendants. Two of the women attendants are among the dead.

The property loss will probably exceed \$20,000.

Twenty-one persons are known to have perished, 25 were injured, some doubtless fatally.

Most of the inmates knew nothing about the fire until aroused by Young and Clark, though one woman stated that she heard an explosion before she smelled smoke.

The scenes about the building while the fire was at its height were heart hardening in the extreme. Crazy women were running about trying to find out whether certain little ones had been taken from the building in safety, while others were looking for their friends. All who were rescued had nothing on but their night clothing.

About 30 children were carried into the home of Herman Behn, a shoe merchant across the street on Hubbell Park, and as fast as the ambulances arrived the children were removed. Every few minutes a victim would be reported dead. Miss Comerieux, one of the attendants, was rescued from a third story window by a fireman. When part way down the ladder the fireman slipped and fell to the ground. Both were terribly injured, though they will recover.

At St. Mary's hospital eight are dead, the identity of none being known.

There are five dead in the Homeopathic hospital, the identity of none being known.

Several died in houses near the asylum. There are 15 children and one woman dead at the morgue.

The total number of fatalities known is 27.

Lillie Stone, aged eight years, is fearfully burned about the legs and body and will die. Miss Brad, the nurse of the hospital ward of the asylum, will probably die. Kate Cottrell and Blanche Atheson, the latter colored, are believed to be in a dying condition. Both had fearful falls and sustained frightful injuries. But one inmate is dying at the hospital, he being a little boy who was ill at the asylum. He is unable to tell his name.

John Carey, eight years old, is at the Hahnemann hospital. His lungs were filled with smoke and no hope is held out for his recovery.

THE HARTFORD.

Commander Hawley Has Received Orders to Resume His Training Cruise—Leaves La Guayra.

Washington, Jan. 8.—After having communicated to the state department relative to the condition of affairs in Venezuela, connected with the asphalt controversy, the navy department Monday afternoon sent orders to Commander Hawley, of the Hartford, authorizing him to leave La Guayra and resume his training cruise. The departure of the Hartford will leave only one vessel, the Scorpion, in Venezuelan waters, an indication of the belief of the state department that conditions there no longer threaten American interests.

Ill and Despondent.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 8.—Mrs. Henry Stabenrauch, wife of a well-known lawyer, shot and killed herself Monday. She had been in poor health and was despondent.

Condition of the Treasury.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Monday's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, \$141,011,545; gold, \$92,469,124.

Electrocution in Colorado.

Denver, Col., Jan. 8.—Senator Jefferson, of Routt county, Monday introduced a bill restoring capital punishment and providing for electrocution as the means instead of hanging.

BRANCHING OUT.

Carnegie Company Will Build the Largest Pipe and Tube Manufacturing Plant in the World.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 9.—In explanation of the extensive land purchases of the Carnegie Co. at Conneaut Harbor, O., President Charles M. Schwab Tuesday made clear the plans of the company with respect to these purchases. Mr. Schwab states that for over a year the Carnegie Co. has contemplated entering into lines of manufacture other than in which it has been engaged hitherto, and the first step in carrying out this purpose is to be taken at once by the establishment of the largest pipe and tube manufacturing plant in the world at Conneaut Harbor, O., which is the Lake Erie terminal of the Carnegie Pittsburgh, Bessemer & Lake Erie railroad, 150 miles from Pittsburgh. The company has purchased 5,000 acres of land immediately east of Conneaut Harbor docks, and a large part of this vast tract will be utilized as a site for the tube works. The works will stretch over a mile of the lake front and will be the most extensive and complete of its kind in every branch ever built. The investment, exclusive of ground, will reach about \$12,000,000,000.

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

An Effort to Have Them Removed From Peking to a Capital of One of the Powers.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The negotiations which have been pending for some time relative to the removal from Peking some of the subjects of international negotiations, so that they could be taken up at Washington or at the capital of one of the other powers, have now advanced to a stage where there is promise of a satisfactory understanding among the powers on this move. The plan originated through a suggestion of Minister Conger, cabled about a week ago, to the effect that there was little prospect of securing united action on the subject of indemnity and of new commercial treaties with China. Mr. Conger suggested that better progress in the negotiations was likely to result if these two phases could be removed from Peking and taken up at some point entirely removed from local influences.

AFTER A RANSOM.

Son of N. H. Frazer, of Alabama, 15 Years Old, Kidnaped—The Kidnapers Demand \$5,000.

Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 9.—From Union Springs, this state, it is learned that N. H. Frazer, tax collector of Bulloch county, has received a letter dated Memphis from men claiming to have kidnaped Frazer's 15-year-old son, Bass, in Atlanta, who demanded \$5,000 ransom. The letter contained young Frazer's alleged signature in proof of the claim. Frazer was a student in the technological school at Atlanta, and, it is learned, has not been there in several days. The kidnapers asserted they were on their way to Kansas City, whence further negotiations would be conducted.

CHOOSING CONGRESSMEN.

Representative Smith, of Michigan, Proposes an Amendment to the Constitution.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Representative Henry C. Smith, of Michigan, on Tuesday proposed the following amendment to the constitution: "The house of representatives shall be composed of members chosen every second year by the people of the several states, and the electors in each state shall have the qualifications hereafter prescribed by act of congress, which qualifications shall be uniform in all the states of the United States."

NEAR KIMBERLEY.

A Commando of Boers Looted a Cattle Farm Seven Miles From the City—People Leaving.

Cape Town, Jan. 9.—It is reported that the Boers have reached Sutherland and are within 20 miles of the village of Piquetburg. The country around Kimberley is being cleared of people, live stock and foodstuffs. A commando of 150 looted a cattle farm seven miles from Kimberley. It is reported that all residents of Vryburg who are unable to supply themselves with provisions for two months must be brought south.

Sympathy For the Boers.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 9.—The Nebraska senate Tuesday afternoon passed a resolution expressing sympathy with the Boers in their struggle with Great Britain. It is the same resolution offered last Thursday, but so amended as to commend the action of President McKinley "in offering his friendly assistance to bring about an honorable peace."

Not One Lynching.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 9.—Gov. M. B. McSweeney was inaugurated governor Tuesday for the second time. The governor directed attention to the fact that not a lynching had taken place in the state in the year just closed.

Mexican Mine Sold.

Oaxaca, Mex., Jan. 9.—The famous Escudera gold mine, situated near Oaxaca, state of Oaxaca, has just been sold to a New York syndicate for \$3,500,000. J. Sloot Fassett is said to be one of the purchasers.

KILLED IN A COLLISION.

Eight Men Dead, One Fatally and Two Seriously Injured.

The Entire Crew on the One Locomotive, Except One, Was Killed—Brakeman Thrown Into the River.

Fairmont, W. Va., Jan. 9.—A collision between a freight train and a light engine on the Monongahela division of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad brought death to eight men, fatal injuries to one man and slight injuries to two others. The collision occurred on the bridge crossing the mouth of Keene run, which is 25 feet above the backwater of the Monongahela river. Both engines were running at full speed, and the Pittsburgh flyer was nearly due.

The heavy engine went entirely through the light one, and as the entire crew was in the engine, all were killed except Brakeman Tedrow, who was thrown into the river. He will die.

The Dead—W. R. Bowman, of Fairmont, engineer, killed instantly; W. J. O'Neil, of Siverly, Pa., killed instantly; M. E. Bremen, of McKeesport, Pa., conductor, killed instantly; John Deveny, of Fairmont, fireman, lived 40 minutes; William Parrish, of Keyser, W. Va., brakeman, lived 20 minutes; Joseph B. King, of Monongahela, W. Va., conductor, lived 20 minutes; W. E. Murrill, of Fairmont, fireman, died Tuesday afternoon; unknown hobo, killed instantly.

The Injured—J. F. Tedrow, of Fairmont, brakeman, fatally; C. J. O'Leary, of Keyser, W. Va., slightly; Thomas A. Richardson, of Fairmont, engineer, slightly.

When the first crash came Engineer Richardson, of the heavy engine, pushed his fireman, Murrill, off at the left and he jumped at the right. The collision occurring in the center of the bridge, which is trestlework, with no guard rails at the side, Murrill was thrown to the edge of the river bank, and his engine followed him, crushing him, and he died a few hours later. Richardson was more fortunate and escaped with slight injuries. Brakeman O'Leary was in the caboose and but slightly injured. He immediately set out to stop the flyer, but found all the lanterns were broken.

He ran to Highland, over a mile distant, and succeeded in getting a lantern just as the flyer came in sight, and signaled the engineer. But for his heroic action many of the lives of the three score persons on the flyer would have been lost.

Superintendent A. M. Lane, of the B. & O., will hold a court of inquiry to determine where the blame lies.

TENEMENT HOUSE FIRE.

Four Lives Snuffed Out By Flames and Smoke on East 113th Street, New York.

New York, Jan. 9.—Four lives were lost in a fire which broke out in the cellar of the five-story brick tenement house at 357 East 113th street between 8 and 9 o'clock Tuesday night.

The Mora family lived in a flat on the fifth floor, and their bodies were found by the firemen after the flames had been extinguished. They had been burned and suffocated.

Firemen carried a number of women down a ladder to the street. Many of the Italians living in the building managed to get to the roof and were taken down the ladders. The occupants of the fourth floor, whose names could not be obtained, could not be found, but it is believed they escaped. The damage was only \$4,000.

THREE NEW STATES.

Arizona, Oklahoma and New Mexico May Be Admitted to the Union at This Session.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Gov. Murphy and Delegate Wilson, of Arizona, were heard by the house committee on territories Tuesday in favor of the bill for the admission of Arizona as a state. Delegate Wilson used the figures of the present census and made a strong showing for statehood for the territory. The committee took no action Tuesday, and the general opinion is that no action will be taken this session. But if the bill for the admission of Arizona is reported it will be accompanied by bills for the admission of Oklahoma and New Mexico.

Sympathy For the Filipinos.

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 9.—A bill was introduced in the senate Tuesday providing for the punishment of kidnapping by hanging. By a vote of 75 to 47 the house adopted a resolution expressing sympathy with the Filipinos in their struggle for liberty. Several democrats abstained from voting. Representative Prairera, of St. Louis, declared that no man should vote for such a "treasonable" resolution.

Desperate Burglar.

Vienna, Jan. 9.—A burglar named Wanyet, who had robbed a tenement on the Wilandstrasse, shot a woman dead whom he met as he was leaving. Pursued by the crowd, he shot five others dead, and he was not arrested until his revolver had been emptied.

Wholesale Vaccination.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 9.—The crusade of vaccination was carried on vigorously Tuesday. Doctors vaccinated people by the dozen. A few new cases of smallpox were reported Tuesday.

FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

Second Session.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Senate—For five hours the senate discussed the army reorganization bill. The debate took a wide range, at this, but was confined principally to the question of the necessity for the increase in the regular army provided for in the pending measure. Mr. Hoar advanced a proposition to create a commission, to be composed of all shades of political opinion, to investigate the entire Philippine question.

House—The Olmstead resolution to investigate the abridgment of the suffrage in certain southern states, with a view to reapportionment upon the actual basis of suffrage was referred to the census committee. After the resolution had been thus disposed of the reapportionment bill was taken up and debated by Mr. Hopkins (Ill.) and Mr. Shafer (Col.).

Washington, Jan. 7.—Senate—While the senate was in session for more than three hours Saturday, little in the way of important legislation was accomplished. The senate committee on military affairs Saturday agreed to report favorably the amendment to the army reorganization bill suggested Friday by Senator Proctor, regarding staff positions. The committee decided at the same time to make adverse reports upon all other amendments.

House—No business of importance was transacted Saturday.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Senate—Monday the senate ratified the committee's proposition to eliminate the house provision for the establishment of a veterinary corps in the army reorganization bill. Measures introduced: Joint resolution extending the thanks of congress to Capt. C. E. Clark and the officers and men of the battle ship Oregon "for bringing the battle ship 14,000 miles at forced speed from the Pacific to the Atlantic station, in condition for instant service, and for gallant and meritorious services in aiding in the destruction of the Spanish fleet at Santiago."

House—It was agreed that the final vote on the reapportionment bill will be taken Tuesday. Mr. Kahn (Cal.) introduced a bill continuing in force for 20 years after May 5, 1902, all laws prohibiting and regulating the coming of Chinese persons and persons of Chinese descent into the United States.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Senate—During the legislative session of Tuesday the senate had under consideration the much mooted canteen question in connection with the army reorganization bill. The senate committee in effect restored the provision for a post exchange, or canteen, which had been stricken out of the bill by the house. For nearly five hours the senate discussed the committee amendment, but a vote upon the proposition is not yet in sight.

House—By a vote of 165 to 102 the house Tuesday accepted the reapportionment plan proposed by the Burleigh bill, which increases the membership of the house during the next decade to 386. Under the bill as passed no state loses a representative and the following make gains: Illinois, New York and Texas, three each; Minnesota, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, two each; and Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, North Dakota, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin, one each.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Senate—The army canteen is to be abolished, as the senate Wednesday, by a very decisive vote, concurred in the house provision relative to the army canteen. Only 15 votes could be mustered in the senate in favor of the canteen to 34 against it. As the section now stands in the bill it reads as follows: "The sale or dealing in beer, wine or any intoxicating liquors by any person in any post exchange or canteen or army transport, or upon any premises used for military purposes by the United States, is hereby prohibited. The secretary of war is hereby directed to carry the provisions of this section into full force and effect."

House—The river and harbor bill was discussed all day Wednesday, but no action was taken.

AFTER TWO FIENDS.

One of the Most Dastardly Deeds in the History of Pleasants County, West Virginia.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Jan. 10.—Officers are scouring the county of Pleasants, which adjoins this, trying to capture two fiends who attempted the most dastardly deed in the history of Pleasants county Sunday evening. William Higgins and Elisha Smith are their names, and they are charged with malicious and felonious assault, with the intention of committing a criminal assault on the persons of Josie and Julia Johnson, two of the most respectable young ladies of that county. The young ladies were introduced to the men, who asked to accompany them home, which was granted, and they started. When a lonely spot was reached the girls were knocked down and the dastardly attempt made, but they succeeded even at the points of revolvers in driving the men away. Feeling in the vicinity is very high and if caught they will be given the harshest treatment known.

Transport Sherman Arrives.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Gen. Shafter has informed the war department that the transport Sherman, which has arrived at San Francisco, had on board 431 sick soldiers, 6 insane soldiers, 42 prisoners and 12 dead soldiers.

Bryan's Cousin in Office.

Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 9.—William S. Jennings was inaugurated governor of Florida Tuesday. Gov. Jennings' message favored free schools, free school books, uniform assessments and low taxes.

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At Washington	12:00pm 9:40pm
At Philadelphia	12:15pm 9:55pm
At New York	12:40pm 10:00pm

WEST BOUND.	
At Winchester	7:30am 4:30pm
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